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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARATION OF SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER SURFACE

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

### **AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2005 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

#### **FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS

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# **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

# **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

- 1. \_\_\_ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
- 2. X If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
- 3. \_\_\_ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
- 4. X If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.

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